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- a. First, by function, showing the amount of funds and percentage of our total funds which are allocated to the major activities of the Agency.
- b. Second, by object class, showing the amount of funds and percentage of the total for personal services, travel, transportation, communications, etc.
- c. Third, by organizational component, showing personnel strength, personal service costs, and an object class breakdown.

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For the past five years either as Director or as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, I have been closely associated with the presentation of our budget to the Appropriations subcommittees. On these occasions, a great deal of supplementary information, including explanation of specific programs and projects, has been supplied to the subcommittees, and I have responded promptly and fully to all requests made of the Agency for information which the members felt to be necessary and appropriate to their consideration of our requests for funds.

I should also like to add a word about the audit of our funds. Where security permits, our expenditures are audited by the General Accounting Office in the same manner as those of other Government agencies. About forty per cent of our total expenditures are so audited. The balance is carefully audited by my own Audit Staff in accordance with procedures comparable to those of the General Accounting Office. I can assure you that we handle these funds as carefully as we do those which are subject to the GAO audit. The Clark Task Force of the Hoover Commission looked into this matter carefully during their survey of the Agency last year and reported that "the so-called 'unvouchered funds' of CIA, often the subject of criticism and conjecture on the part of individuals, and occasionally of the press, were found to be meticulously handled and accounted for."

In view of his expressed interest in this matter, I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to Senator Saltonstall.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

**Allen W. Dulles
Director**

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Inspector General

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In my appearances before ~~the Committee~~^{the subcommittee}, a great deal of supplementary information, including explanation of specific programs and projects, is supplied in order that the ~~Committee~~^{subcommittee} may have adequate information to properly consider our request for funds. I, of course, respond fully to any questions which the ~~Committee~~^{members} may wish to ask. Information of vital interest to the National Security is involved, and to the best of my knowledge and belief there has never been an unauthorized disclosure as a result of these hearings. In previous years, the House Appropriations ~~Committee~~^{subcommittee} has usually considered our budget in ~~greater detail~~^{much greater detail} than has the Senate ~~Committee~~^{subcommittee}. However, the same information ~~has been available to the Senate Committee~~^{is available to the subcommittee} and I stand ready at all times to furnish whatever information ~~they~~^{members} may see fit to request.

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